

**Weather Forecast**  
Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday.  
Somewhat cooler in northern portion.

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**Good Morning—**  
There are thousands hacking at the branches of evil to one that is striking at the root.—Thoreau.

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## AT LEAST 250 PERISH IN FLOOD DISASTER FOLLOWS CRASH OF A BRIDGE

### CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATES OF DEATH LIST MAY GROW MUCH LARGER WITH RESCUE

**Floods Came Without Warning at San Antonio, Where There Was Greatest Loss of Life—Forty Bodies Recovered**

By Associated Press  
San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 10—With the known list of dead standing at forty this afternoon police officials still believe an estimate of 250 lives lost as a result of the disastrous flood which struck this city early Saturday morning to be a conservative one. No attempt has been made to estimate the property damage but it is certain to run into millions of dollars.

Because of the continued swollen condition of the three streams which caused the flood the work of covering bodies is progressing slowly. Great piles of driftwood, which have lodged in trees and in bridges when removed, it is said, will reveal additional dead. Many bodies also are believed to have floated down stream and may never be accounted for.

Relief work and sanitary precautions are well under way.

Thoroughly organized relief committees have begun caring for flood victims and health officers are engaged in a rigid clean up of the city.

**Believed Worst in History.**  
Reports coming from outlying sections confirm the fear that the flood the worst in the city's history. In some instances have been of clean—almost their entire contents. Houses in the southern portion of the city were lifted from foundations and piled one upon another, or in some cases driven into the water through adjoining buildings. Animals line the banks of the river.

The flood waters from the San Antonio river and from Alazan creek, small tributaries inundated an approximately two miles long narrow half mile wide including the town of the business section and a portion of the residence section. River avenue and adjacent streets, as well as the thickly populated west side where today thousands of Mexicans are homeless and dead not yet counted.

**Dawned Dark and Gloomy**  
The things were visible to the eye when dawned cloudy, dry and threatening. But what occurred in the blackness of the night when scores of men, women and children met death in the oil and water of the flood, as houses passed, bridges were swept out, and electric lights and telegraph poles crashed, is something which never will be known in detail. The acts of heroism are as numerous as the victims. Brave civilians and soldiers braved current and floating debris to rescue women and children to places of safety.

Thousands of families long the were rescued before day break when they worked the long hours week deep in water risking their almost every minute of that to save others.

In keeping with such heroism were the tragedies. Babies were from mother's arms and lost, and children rescued. Fathers were lost, saving little ones, and there are widows and orphans in Antonio who shudder at the thought of last night.

**Caught Without Warning**  
Antonio was caught without warning. The rain which preceded the flood fell after 3 o'clock Friday (Continued on Page 4)

### 2 MORE ARRESTS IN MURDER CASE GEORGE HICKMAN

**An Attorney and Electrician Taken In Toils**

**ACCUSED ACCESSORIES**  
Police Do Not Disclose Nature of Testimony Uncovered

(By Associated Press)  
Jacksonville, Sept. 10—The county grand jury will meet in special session here Monday for the second time in connection with the killing of George H. Hickman, local theater manager and attempted robbery of the theater last Sunday night. The body was ordered conveyed by Circuit Judge Gibbs late today following the arrest this morning of John Pope, local attorney and Irwin Novitsky, an electrician on charges of being implicated in the tragedy. Police tonight were still searching for Johnnie Navitsky, alias Mayfield, said to be Novitsky's wife and wanted on similar charges.

**Warrants Sworn Out**  
Pope and Novitsky were at first arrested on charges of suspicion but later formal warrants were sworn out alleging the two men were accessories before the fact "in an attempt to commit a felony and the commission of a murder."

It was stated that the trial of Frank Rawlings on a charge of murdering Hickman set for Monday would probably be postponed pending the result of the grand jury's investigations of the charges against the other men. Officials did not disclose the information leading to the arrest of Pope and Novitsky and denied rumors circulating today that Rawlings had made a confession implicating the two men. Rawlings entered a plea of not guilty at his arraignment.

### FATTY ARBUCKLE IS MIXED UP IN DEATH OF A GIRL

**Screen Comedian Is On His Way to Surrender to the Law**

**NO CHARGES ARE MADE**  
Will Be Detained Pending Investigation of Death in His Room

(By Associated Press)  
San Francisco, Sept. 10—The police today announced they would take into custody Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, who started from Los Angeles last night by automobile to clear up an affair at his suite in a hotel here last Monday night, following which the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, a film actress, is said to have resulted.

Arbuckle will be taken into custody by the police, it was said, pending an investigation into the woman's death. No charge will be placed against him, according to the acting captain of detectives, but he will be detained until after the inquest.

Arbuckle was quoted as saying while on his way here today that he had never met the girl until Monday when she was brought into his suite to join a party. She had a few drinks, Arbuckle said, and then it became necessary to call a physician to have her removed.

**Found Girl in Distress**  
According to a sworn statement to the police by Miss Alice Blake, one of the party, she and another woman missed Miss Rappe from the room and found her in an adjoining room in great distress. The hotel physician was summoned, Miss Blake stated.

Miss Rappe later was removed to a hospital where she died yesterday. Physicians who performed an autopsy said death was caused by peritonitis and that bruises were found on her body. The stomach was removed for examination.

Miss Rappe was born in Chicago. She was 23 years old. She went to Los Angeles about five years ago and obtained employment with motion picture companies. In the last season or two she appeared with well known stars. She made her home in Los Angeles with an aunt.

### CHURCH BELIEVED TO HAVE BURIED ONE VICTIM ALIVE

**Body of Asmus Is Found Under an Old Auto in Rear of Apartment**

**HIS NECK WAS BROKEN**  
Head Also Beaten Into Pulp Like That Of Bernard Daugherty

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Sept. 10—Harvey A. Church, the 22 year old youth arrested in Adams, Wis., last night in connection with the murder of Bernard A. Daugherty and Carl Asmus, was brought back to Chicago tonight in the automobile declared by the police to be the motive for the crime.

Following the finding of the terribly mutilated body of Daugherty yesterday in the Desplaines river the police today dug up the body of Asmus, which had been hidden in the rear apartment in which Church lives.

**Asmus' Body Found.**  
Asmus' body had been buried, face downward, beneath an old automobile owned by Church. The hands and feet were bound together with rope and a bundle of steel and cloth had been thrust into the mouth until it penetrated the chest cavity. The head was beaten into an almost unrecognizable pulp. Death had been caused by strangulation and congestion of the lungs.

The theory was advanced that the two victims had been lured to the basement under the pretense of having a drink and had been given drugged liquor before they were slain.

**Was Buried Alive**  
After examining Asmus' body tonight Coroner Hoffman expressed the opinion that he had been buried alive. "When the murderers threw the body into the makeshift grave, face downward, they doubled his head under his chest and stamped on his neck breaking it," he declared.

But there was still life in body. Respiration had probably ceased, but the heart continued to function for five or ten minutes. In that time the body was covered with the refuse.

### TWENTY-FIVE PERISH AS A FOOTBRIDGE COLLAPSES; TWENTY BODIES RECOVERED

**Crowds Were Watching Police Crapple For Drowned Child When Footpath Over River at Chester Gives Way**

By Associated Press  
Chester, Penn., Sept. 10—Between 25 and 30 persons were drowned or crushed to death, and more than a score of others injured here tonight when the footpath of the Third street bridge over Chester river collapsed. The dead and injured were part of a crowd of approximately 75 persons that had gathered on the structure to watch the efforts of police in grappling for the body of a five year old boy who was drowned but a half hour before. Many of the dead are women and children.

The bridge was an old fashioned structure 90 feet long and cleared the water by about 20 feet. It carried two trolley tracks across the stream and had one footpath. The river is about 15 feet deep where the accident occurred.

An hour and a half after the collapse more than 20 bodies had been removed to the morgue. At that time there were seven seriously injured persons in the Chester hospital.

### BODY PROMINENT SOUTH FLORIDA MAN IS FOUND DEAD IN AN OLD DRAIN

**Eugene Haskell Seen on September 7. Was Murdered**

(By Associated Press)  
Moorehaven, Fla., Sept. 10—The body of Eugene Haskell, 50, formerly a fruit grower of the citrus center neighborhood was found in a drainage ditch between here and that place this afternoon. The man had been missing for several days and while the body was so decomposed as to make the cause of death only a matter of conjecture the coroner's jury brought in a verdict of death by violence at the hands of some person unknown the motive being robbery.

The pockets of his clothes were turned inside out and his watch and rings were missing. Haskell was last seen the afternoon of September 7 driving along a road near where the body was found today. With him was a negro. The next morning the horse and wagon were found about a mile and a half distant from where the body was located today. There was no trace of Haskell or his companion. The search for the body continued until it was found today.

Haskell was a man of considerable means. His family including his wife and three children, reside in Kansas from where he came about a year ago.

The car which was trying to pass Moses also turned over. It was driven by Almer Campbell, of this city. His brother, Harry Campbell, who, with his wife, was also a passenger, suffered a fractured skull and is now in a local hospital at the point of death. Others in the Campbell car were uninjured.

### FATAL CRASH AS FIRE CHIEF'S AUTO STRIKES TOURING CAR IN PATH

**Two Miami Women Tally Hurt, and Three Others Injured**

(By Associated Press)  
Miami, Sept. 10—Five persons were hurt, two so seriously that they may die, this evening when Fire Chief Coleman's automobile, speeding to a small blaze, crashed into a car containing a man and two women. Both cars were wrecked.

The accident occurred at an intersection of streets. As the chief's car, a five passenger touring car, neared the corner going north the other car approached from the east and ran directly into its path. The impact upset the second car, pinning David Maxwell, his wife and Mrs. Pringle, driving it, suffered a broken collar bone and E. A. Westra, a fireman, received a wrenched hip and other injuries. Fire chief Coleman was not in the car.

Maxwell and his wife and Mrs. Pringle were in a serious condition tonight and physicians held out little hope for the recovery of the women.

### CROOKS CRACK Crib and Take \$10,000 Out In Securities

(By Associated Press)  
Palatka, Va., Sept. 10—Securities valued at about \$10,000 were stolen from the bank of Draper near here early today by a band of robbers who blew open the vault door with nitroglycerine and rifled the safety deposit boxes. The bank's safe was untouched.

The robbery was not discovered until the bank was opened this morning. A woman living near by said she heard a muffled explosion and some one patrolling the street in front of her home. She said she heard the voices of the band as they retreated and estimated that five persons participated in the robbery.

### Washburn's Defeat a Tennis Surprise

(By Associated Press)  
Philadelphia, Sept. 10—The defeat of Watson M. Washburn, of New York by Wallace F. Johnson of Philadelphia in the semi-finals round of the fortieth tennis championship tournament of the United States Lawn Tennis Association as the outstanding feature of the second day's play on the courts of the Germantown Cricket Club here this afternoon.

The unexpected downfall of Washburn came after a bitter turf battle of scores of 4-3, 5-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

As a result of this defeat of Washburn the Philadelphia player appears likely to be the opponent of R. Norris Williams II in the semi-finals round.

### Hardings Off For Another Trip Until Last of the Week

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, D. C., Sept. 10—President Harding left today to spend the week-end at Atlantic City, leaving Washington shortly after noon by automobile for the coast resort.

After his visit at Atlantic City the President plans to pick up the Mayflower somewhere along the coast and cruise for a few more days, returning to Washington the latter part of next week.

Guests invited by the President and Mrs. Harding for the Atlantic City week-end included Secretary of

### Julian Bullock Will Recover Is Doctor's Opinion

(By Associated Press)  
Ocala, Sept. 10—Julian S. Bullock, son of Judge W. S. Bullock, of this city, shot twice yesterday by Madison P. Bronson, a local policeman, was said by physicians today to be out of danger. No arrests have been made.

Bullock was shot in the left hand and at first it was believed the later wound might be serious. The young man accompanied by two companions was said by Bronson to have called at the home of the policeman as a result of the arrest by Bronson of Bullock's younger brother. Bronson said Bullock and his companions attacked him and that he was forced to fire to protect himself.

Commerce and Mrs. Hoover, Under-Secretary of State and Mrs. Fletcher, and George Van Fleet, publisher of the President's newspaper at Marion, Ohio, and Mrs. Van Fleet.

The President plans to play golf at Atlantic City and enjoy the resort's pleasures in other respects.

### MAINE TOURIST KILLED ON DAYTONA-DELAND HIGHWAY

(By Associated Press)  
Daytona, Sept. 10—C. D. Moses of Newport, Me., was killed late Saturday afternoon on the road between Daytona and Deland when an automobile in which he and his wife were driving from Newport to St. Petersburg turned over. The accident was caused when Moses attempted to turn out to let a car behind him pass. His wife, riding with him, was only slightly injured.

### Labor Anxious Now to Make Old Eagle Scream for "U. S."

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Sept. 10—Plans for a nation wide demonstration Armistice Day under the leadership of organized labor "in support of the purpose underlying the international conference on the limitation of armament" were announced today at headquarters of the American Federation of Labor. Central unions in every community have been asked to organize parades and mass meetings on that day when the international conference begins its deliberations.

It is planned, the announcement said, to unite all civic bodies, trades unions, auxiliaries, women's trade union leagues, educational organizations, women's clubs and, in fact, all organizations interested in civic affairs and of a progressive character in the great effort. The purpose of the demonstration, as expressed in the communications sent by President Gompers to the central unions is "backing up our government in its leadership toward disarmament and giving courage and determination to the American representatives on the international commission."